

LETTERS

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As organizers, we are so grateful to so many people whose contribution, large or small, ensured the success of the event. Many of them you might have seen at the event in their red volunteer shirts (thanks to Race and Co.) working away. Pemberton Search and Rescue were there for you the whole time along the entire route. "Moldy" and The Arts Council provided much of the eye candy. Lisa Sumire Komoru created the logo and the map. Mark Blundell and the 4H club helped hydrate the masses. Our friends and family, as always, have provided essential support at critical times.

We want to point out that the Village of Pemberton played a key role this year in supporting the registration area in its new location in town. With these kinds of numbers, we need some heavy-hitting logistical support, which came in the form of Jill Brooksbank, Russell Mack, Daniel Sailland and the VOP, on the urging of Mayor Sturdy.

The Pemberton Chamber produced a sparkling Saturday night, and the Rotary and Friends of the Library produced a perfect ending at the Pioneer Park AugustFest.

We are looking forward to next year, on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011. Same time and place.

And now we say good-bye to the glamorous event-management lifestyle and return to being a farmer and a computer systems analyst. Thank you for supporting farmland, biking, and spending your money in the Meadows on Sunday.

**Anna Helmer
and Niki Vanker
PEMBERTON**

Let OCP rule

Dear Editor,
From a municipal perspective, the Official Community Plan and Whistler2020 are our foundation, the touchstone of everything we do as a community. The vision incorporated into these documents should form the litmus test for every big decision we make - does this action help achieve our vision? Here's a reminder of

Whistler's oft-quoted vision: "To be the premier mountain resort community - as we move toward sustainability."

Do you believe that locating a toxic asphalt plant permanently beside a residential neighbourhood, less than 400 metres from the nearest doorsteps, helps us achieve this vision? I don't.

Do you believe that doubling the size of a rock quarry, also located right beside this same neighbourhood, and without any solid rationale, helps us achieve this vision? Do you believe that increasing a quarry to 60 acres, without even knowing the remaining lifespan of the current quarry, and destroying old-growth forests and other sensitive ecosystems designated for conservation/preservation under the RMOW Protected Areas Network in the process, helps us achieve this vision? I don't.

Incredibly, these are the proposed actions that members of our council (except Zeidler and Forsyth) are currently supporting.

To top it all off, these decisions that consider major contraventions to Whistler's current Official Community Plan - significant decisions about land use planning and zoning designations in a contentious area beside Whistler's newest, greenest and densest neighbourhood - are being made just as the community-wide process kicks off for a formal and comprehensive revision of our OCP. Don't you think it would be prudent to demonstrate due and sincere respect for this process and allow the OCP update to evolve and solidify our land use vision for the future, and then decide what to do about the asphalt plant, instead of making hasty decisions that will negatively impact our community? I sure do.

**T. Symko
WHISTLER**

Don't be silent

Dear Editor,
The long, sorry Cheakamus Crossing saga comes to a head this Sept. 7 when the quarry and asphalt bylaw come to public hearing. It's when the citizens have their say, and is

sign the petition, or speak at the public hearing.

I'd like to address some comments from Councillor Quinlan at the last council meeting. He mentioned that there was a large, silent majority of Whistlerites who were in favour of the asphalt plant rezoning, and that they were intimidated by the vocal protests of the Cheakamus Crossing residents. I'd like to extend my personal invitation to anybody who would like to speak in favour of the asphalt plant at the public hearing. The Cheakamus Crossing residents are understandably upset, but I don't believe they are the kind of people to hold grudges or bring undue pressure on anyone who favours the rezoning. A community where people are afraid to express their views isn't worth living in, no matter how beautiful the surroundings.

**David Buzzard
WHISTLER**

Plant foes misguided

Dear Editor,
As a 40-year resident of Whistler I feel it is high time to weigh in on the tiresome subject of the Whistler asphalt plant. This has been one of the most emotional and hysterical issues ever to hit Whistler and the debate lacks truth and common sense.

History of Function Junction - Function Junction has a very interesting history. In fact, Myrtle Philip told me that John Millar was one of Whistler's first residents and he lived in Function Junction near what is now called Millar Creek. John was apparently a Texan on the lam from the law in the USA. I first visited Function Junction in the late '70s with Roger the Dodger Grantham, one of the most colourful residents we have ever had and I also lived part time with Lyle Featheringston and Rene Paquet in a geodesic dome. Later, Brian Allen and Sue Quigley became squatters on the Cheakamus River and after living non-conforming residential use for many years, they were able to purchase Crown lands and get zoning for the house and shop

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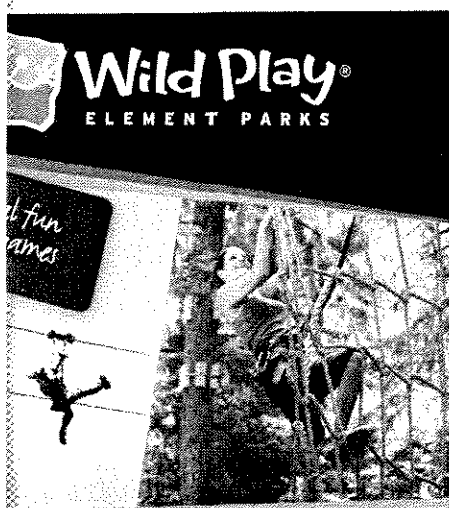


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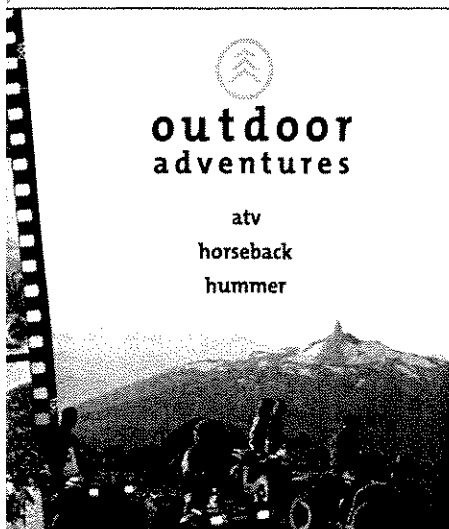
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